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METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 10, 2004 (Paper No. 01282004), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the final Office Action dated February 10, 2004, the period for response being extended because February 10, 2004 was a Saturday. In the instant application, claims 25, 27-31, and 33-39 are pending where claims 25 and 30 are independent.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over *Frosch et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 3,796,476 in view of *McGrew*, U.S. Patent No. 4,411,489. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.